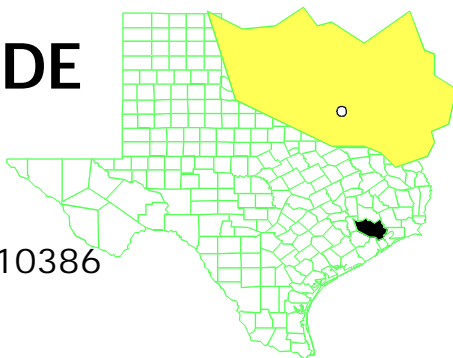


# **SOUTH CAVALCADE STREET TEXAS**

EPA ID# TXD980810386



**EPA REGION 6**  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 29  
Harris County

## **Site Description**

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**Location:** ! The site is located at the southeast intersection of Cavalcade Street and Loop 610 N, about two miles southwest of the intersection of Loop 610 N and I-10 in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

**Population:** ! Approximately 4,500 people live within a one-mile radius of the site.

**Setting:** ! The nearest residence to this site is 200 feet to the west, and the nearest commercial building is about 1,500 feet from site. However, the aquifers to be recharged are not used as water supplies, nor are they likely to be used because of the presence of water sources in the area.  
! This 66-acre site was used as a wood treating facility from 1950 to 1962.  
! All original facilities were removed about 1962, and the site was covered with 10 feet of fill material.  
! Two-thirds of the site were developed by three palletized treatment warehouses; the center third of the property is vacant.

**Hydrogeology:** ! The subsurface consists of interbedded clays, silts and sands of varying thickness.

## **Wastes and Volumes**

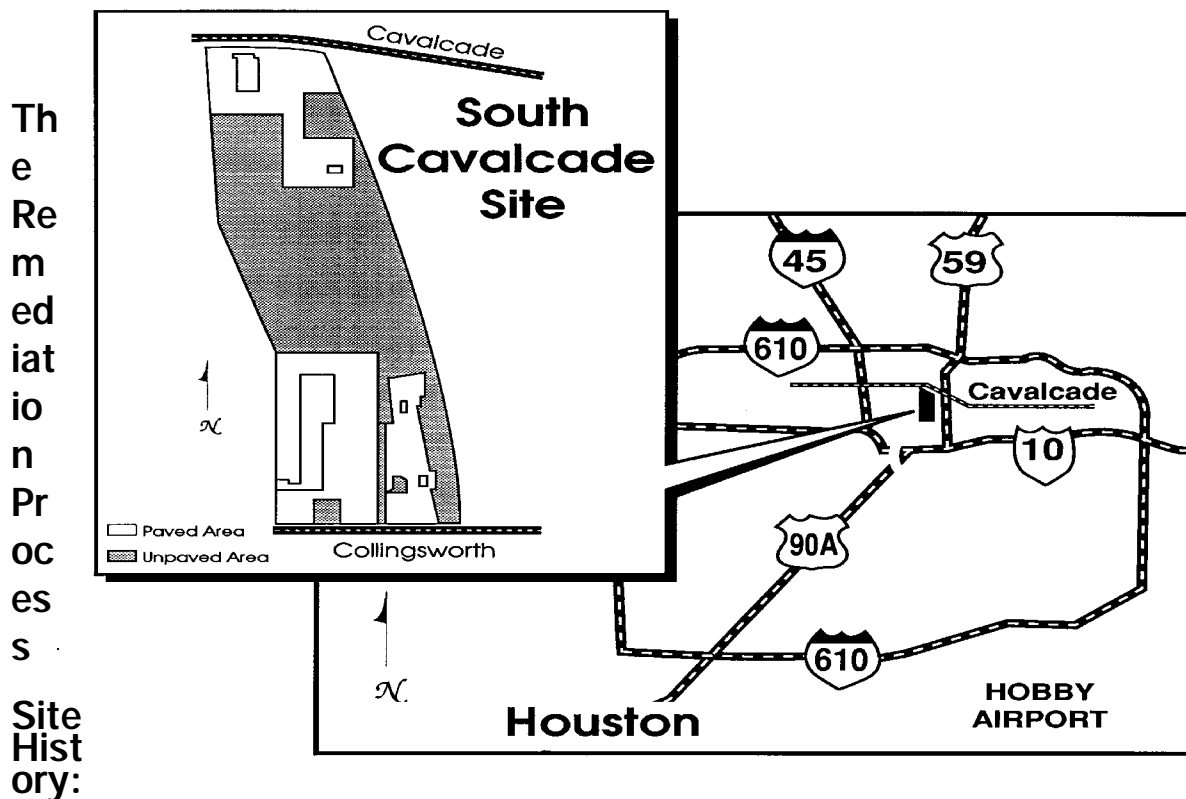
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! The principal pollutants at the site include creosote and wood treating metals.  
! Soils & ground water contaminated with creosote related compounds.  
! The volume of exposed contaminated soils at the site is approximately 7,000 cubic yards.

## Site Assessment and Ranking

**NPL LISTING HISTORY**  
Site HRS Score: 38.69  
Proposed Date: 10/5/84  
Final Date: 6/10/86  
NPL Update: No. 2

## Site Map and Diagram



- ! Wood treatment facility operated by National Lumber and Creosoting Company and continued until 1938.
- ! Koppers Co., Inc., now Beazer East, Inc., purchased the facility in 1938 and operated a coal tar distillation facility.
- ! Operations ceased in 1962, and the site was cleared and sold in 1962.
- ! Presently, three trucking firms operate warehouse and terminal operations: Trucking Properties and Nations Way.
- ! The Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for this site was completed in 1988, conducted by the potentially responsible parties (PRPs) under EPA oversight.
- ! The Remedial Design (RD) for this site was completed in January 1995.

## Health Considerations:

! Primary risks from the site stem from the carcinogenic polynuclear aromatic compounds detected in the soil and ground water.

## Record of Decision

Signed: September 26, 1988

This remedy will protect humans from unhealthy exposures to contaminated Ground Water:

! The Record of Decision (ROD) called for ground water remediation using pump and treat of contaminants, followed by filtration and activated carbon adsorption to remove organic compounds.

### Soil Treatment:

! The remedies selected in the ROD for soil remediation uses a combination of Soil Flushing to treat creosote compounds in site soils. In addition, bioremediation. The responsible party can demonstrate bioremediation is as effective as soil washing.

Other Remedies Considered	Reason Not Chosen
1. "No Action"	Does not meet remedial objectives
2. In Situ stabilization/capping	Not as effective as selected remedy
3. Offsite landfill	Not as effective as selected remedy
4. On-site incineration	Difficult to implement, not accepted by community
5. In Situ bioremediation	Not as effective as selected remedy
6. Offsite incineration	Cost effectiveness
7. In Situ biotreatment of ground water	Not as effective as selected remedy
8. Carbon adsorption, air stripping	Implementation problems
9. Aerated tank treatment of ground water	Cost effectiveness

! The Remedial Design (RD) began in 7/90 and was completed 1/95.  
! The Remedial Action (RA), construction of the site remedy, began in the summer of 1995.  
! An amendment to the ROD was proposed on 2/9/97. This amendment proposed a change from soil washing / flushing to capping all contaminated soils with clean soil.

## Community Involvement

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- ! Community Involvement Plan: Developed 3/85, revised 2/89 and again 7/89
- ! Open houses and workshops: 9/85, 4/92, 1/93
- ! Proposed Plan Fact Sheet and Public Meeting: 8/88
- ! ROD Fact Sheet: 10/88
- ! Milestone Fact Sheets: 4/87, 7/87, 9/90, 5/91, 4/92
- ! Citizens on site mailing list: 56
- ! Constituency Interest: Low - no specific concerns, just desire for the site
- ! Public meeting for proposed ROD amendment held 2/20/97
- ! Site Repository:
  - " Houston Central Library, Government Documents Area, 500 McKinney 77002

## Technical Assistance Grant

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- ! Availability Notice: 4/4/89 Re-advertised 9/90 (mailing)
- ! Letters of Intent Received:
  - 1) LIFT Endowment Fund, Inc. - 2/8/90 (withdrawn)
- ! Final Application Received: N. & S. Cavalcade St. Group 12/93 and 9/94.
- ! Grant Award: Applications denied.
- ! Current Status: Some apparent organized citizen groups; grant application pending
- ! Community at Risk Coalition.

## Fiscal and Program Management

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- ! Remedial Project Manager (EPA): Glenn Celerier, 214-665-8523, Mail Code: 6SF-DL
- ! State Contact: Lel Medford (TNRCC)
- ! Community Involvement Coordinator (EPA): Olivia Balandrán, 214-665-6565
- ! Attorney (EPA): Jon Weisburg, 214-665-2180, Mail Code: 6SF-DL
- ! State Coordinator (EPA): Shirley Workman, 214-665-8522, Mail Code: 6SF-DL
- ! Prime Contractor: Fluor Daniel Inc., (EPA Oversight)

## Cost Recovery: PRP Lead (Enforcement)

- ! PRPs Identified: Four
- ! Viable PRP: Koppers Co., Inc. (Successor Beazer East, Inc.) conducted RI/FS, received a Consent Decree from the District Court of Texas, and is conducting RD/RA under a Consent Decree.
- ! Beazer signed the Consent Decree for RD/RA on June 11, 1990, which was affirmed by the District Court of Texas on March 14, 1991.
- ! Under terms of the Consent Decree, Beazer East, Inc. paid EPA \$500,000 for RI/FS costs. Payment was received 4/91.

## Present Status and Issues

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! Construction of the remedy is under way; however, EPA has reconsidered proposing to change the soil remedy to a concrete cap. A public comment period opened on 2/9/97 and closed 3/12/97. EPA did not receive any comments and anticipates finalizing the amendment in April or May.

! RP is removing DNAPL (dense non aqueous phase liquid) from the subsurface.  
! Because DNAPL is present ground water cleanup goals may not be achieved.  
1996 initiated a study to determine the extent of clean up possible. EPA reviewed the report and is expected to issue comments regarding the report in June 1997.

## Benefits

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! The remedy will prevent off site migration of contaminated groundwater and protect the property.